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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF CONNECTICUT RAISED BILL NO. 305 – AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A STATE FILM PERMITTING PROCESS**

The Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) supports Raised Bill No. 305, which will streamline the film permitting process for state-owned properties in Connecticut. MPAA's member companies* are the leading producers and distributors of motion pictures and other audiovisual works for all media platforms, including motion picture theaters, digital and video home entertainment, cable, satellite and broadcast television, as well as on the Internet. MPAA member company affiliates also produce news, entertainment news, and sports programming.

If enacted, the bill would designate the Office of Film, Television and Digital Media as the statewide point of contact for any motion picture or television production wishing to film on state-owned property. Ideally, the Office will be able to work directly with other state agencies to expedite permits and solve production problems in a timely and efficient manner, rather than requiring productions to negotiate with each individual state agency when filming in Connecticut.

As you are no doubt aware, motion picture and television productions work under tight deadlines with very short turnaround times. The timely processing of film permits is an important factor in attracting production to Connecticut. We urge the Committee to support Raised Bill No. 305, which will streamline the permitting process and make Connecticut a more film-friendly location.

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